
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, December 6th, 2017, 3:00 P.M.
City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N Campbell
First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 8

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Bob Geyer, Charles Stapler, Don Baumgardt, Alyssa Benavides Cervantes, Robert Melson, Patricia White and Joanne Gwinn Burt

Members Absent: 0

Vacancy: 1

District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Karina Brascalla, Planner

Other City Staff Present:

Karla Nieman, Senior Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Lauren Baldwin, Sustainability Coordinator, Capital Improvement Department (CID); Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water

Members of the public:

Judy Ackerman, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition, Sherry Mowles, architect, Marilyn Guida

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Time Limits for Information Presentations:

There is a 15 minute time limit for presentations, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer. This limitation is applicable only to the presentation itself and does not include discussion and action elements of an item.

Call to the Public (items not listed on the Agenda:

Members of the public will be allowed 3 minutes to present, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Judy Ackerman, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition spoke

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Howell requested the following changes to the agenda:

Item 4 - As there is no new information, Jose Carlos Villalva would not be attending the meeting today.

In response, Vice-Chairman Geyer requested a member of staff comment on the matter at the appropriate time the agenda item is presented to the Board.

RECOGNITION PRESENTATION – FORMER CHAIRWOMAN LOIS BALIN

Mr. Howell presented former Chairwoman Lois Balin a plaque recognizing her service as an Open Space Advisory Board member from July 2009 to July 2017.

Ms. Balin remarked it was her pleasure to serve and she is looking forward to all the wonderful work the new Board will accomplish.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes: November 8th, 2017

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes. No responses from Board Members.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Melson, seconded by Ms. Burt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS THEY STAND.

3. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Green Infrastructure: How it works and Why it is important to El Paso. Contact: Lauren Baldwin, baldwinld@elpasotexas.gov

Lauren Baldwin gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Members Baumgardt, Burt and Benavides.



ITEM 3 - Green
Infrastructure.pdf

The following members of the public commented:

1. Marilyn Guida
2. Sherry Mowles, architect

The following staff members commented:

1. Kimberly Forsyth
2. Karla Nieman

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stapler and Ms. Burt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT CHAIRWOMAN DR. SHARON MILES-BONART WRITE A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE ITEM TO BE PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

4. **Information and Discussion:** Update on the purchase of Priority Property #5.
Contact: Jose Carlos Villalva, villalvajc@elpasotexas.gov

Karina Brascalla relayed information from Mr. Villalva, Real Estate Manager.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Vice-Chairman Geyer commented.

The following staff members commented:

1. Kimberly Forsyth
2. Karla Nieman

NO ACTION TAKEN.

5. **Information and Discussion:** Quarterly Update from the El Paso Water Utility (EPWU)
Contact: Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwu.org

Patricia Dalbin gave a presentation and responded to questions and comments from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Member Baumgardt.



ITEM 5 - UPDATED
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NO ACTION TAKEN.

6. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Presentation of Open Space Advisory Board resolution of November 8, 2017, discussion and request that Board allow the Chair to present the resolution before City Council in the Call to the Public.
Contact: Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, shmiles@flash.net



ITEM 6 - Resolution.
MNTN 2 RVR 11-8-17

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart requested Board Members make a motion to allow her to present the resolution to City Council. Board Members Baumgardt and Melson commented.

Karla Neiman explained the process to place an item on the City Council agenda; additionally, she commented on the Public Comment portion of the City Council agenda.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Burt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ALLOW THE CHAIRWOMAN TO PRESENT THIS RESOLUTION BEFORE CITY COUNCIL AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY THAT THE CHAIR CAN MAKE.

Following the vote, Board Members White and Stapler commented.

Ms. Nieman also explained the process to place an item on the agenda via City Council Representatives.

Prior to adjourning, Ms. Burt asked Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart how she could place an item on the next OSAB agenda.

For Ms. Burt, Kimberly Forsyth explained the process how to place items on future OSAB agendas.

7. Adjournment

MOTION:

*Motion made by Mr. Melson, seconded by Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart AND **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.***